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#### the goal of Admire

- Build a general purpose collaborative working environment for large scale distributed groups
- Enable users from different places to communicate and interact with each other via high quality video, audio, and share resources through desktop tools, etc.

#### **Admire Architecture**

**Distance Learning** 

Scientific collaboration

Distance medicine

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Tele immersion

Distance site visiting

# Different collaborative pattern, control policy, integrated environment

conference management tool set

Session management tool

Conference control tool

Conference archiving tool

Media tool set A/V tools **Shared application tools** chat Web WB App Video Audio sharing sharing tool tool tool tool tool tool

Native Multicast /Hybrid Unicast-multicast gateway

High speed Internet, NSFCnet e.g.

#### **IETF MMUSIC**

**Multiparty Multimedia Session Control** 

#### What we have done so far?

- A/V tools
- Data-sharing tools
- Integrated Environment
- Conference management
- Software package&Hardware spec
- Deployment

#### A/V tools

- based on Mbone tools of UCL (University College of London )
- introduced new features
- improved performance.

#### Video tool

#### • Enhanced VIC:

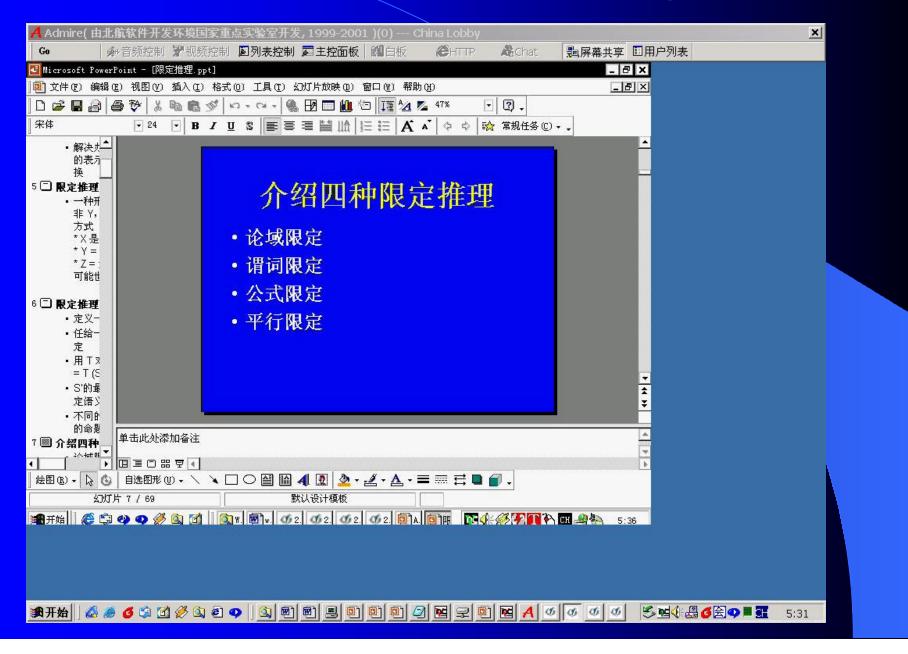
- VIC is a video conference tool, it supports unicast&multicast video communication
- Introduced Direct draw ability to improve the speed of VIC image rendering, which supports 40~50 CIF-size realtime images rendering smoothly
- Introduced Microsoft VCM codec ability ,
- Implemented capturing ability of any-size Window's desktop sharing to all in Admire.
- Designed a light-weight remote control tool to do remote presentation

#### VIC

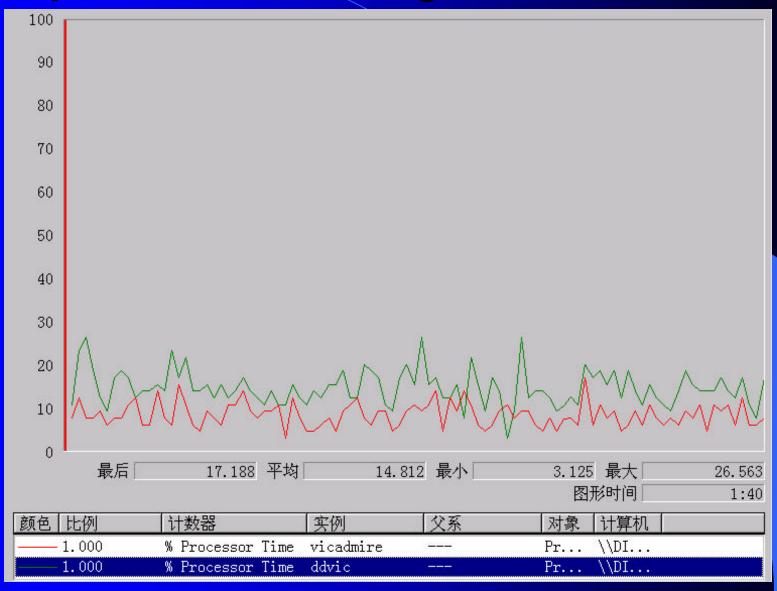
- Unicast & mulitcast
- Bw: 30k~20M bps
- Codec: H.261, h.263, NV, Jpeg, DivX, Mpeg-4,....
- Latency: < 300ms (local processing)</li>
- Video size: QCIF(176\*144), CIF(352\*288), SCIF(702\*576),
- Capture any size for windows desktop screen



#### The view of screen sharing



# Comparision btw agvic & vicadmire



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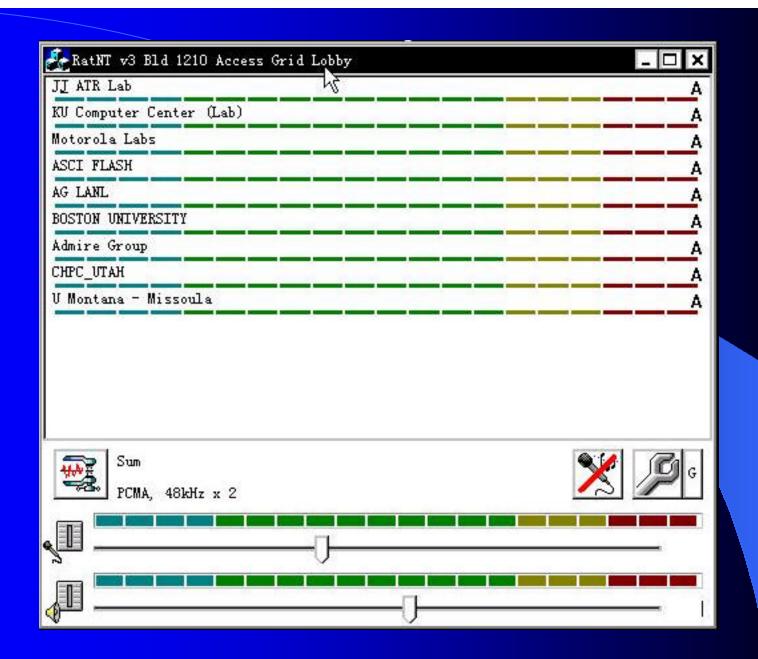


#### Audio tool

- Redesigned RAT: (cat)
  - Cat is audio conference tool, it supports unicast&multicast audio communication
  - designed independently an multi-thread pattern to reduce the latency of audio transmission.
  - Introduced Microsoft ACM codec ability, which allows various low-bandwidth audio formats.
  - Introduced Direct 3D sound ability, enhanced tele-immersive awareness

#### CAT

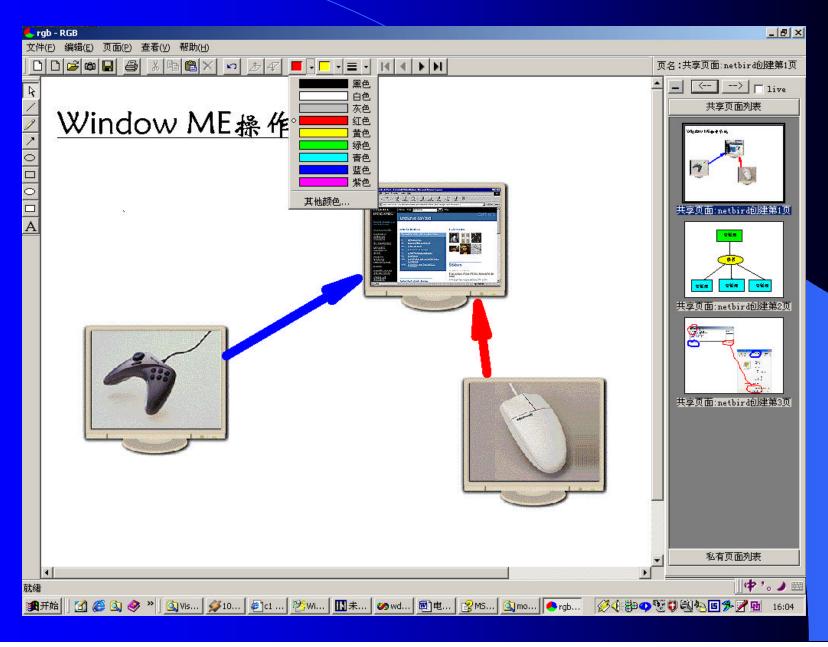
- Unicast & mulitcast
- Bw: 5.3k~1Mbps
- Codec: G.711,G.722,G.728,1 L16, PCM-u,PCM-a,DVI,VDVI,GSM,LPC, G.711,LH,DivX,TrueSpeech,MS-GSM, MP3
- Latency: < 100ms (local processing)</li>



## Data-sharing tools

- White board
- Chat
- Web sharing

#### White board



#### chat



#### Web sharing



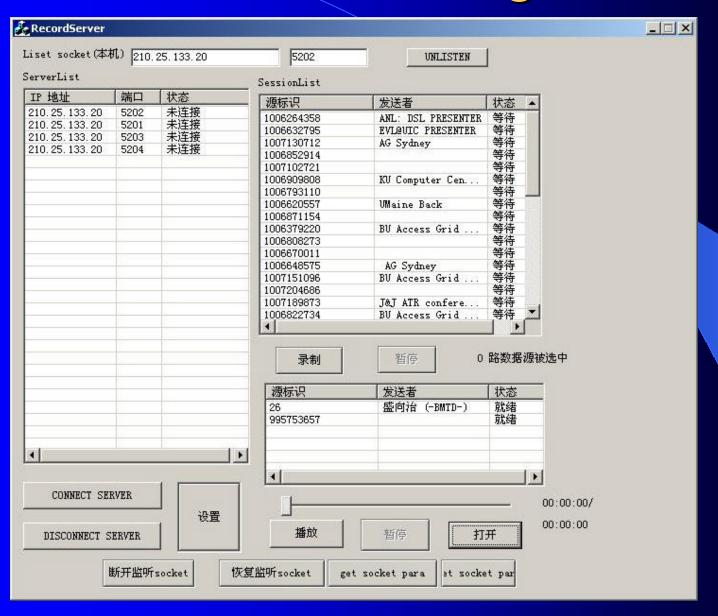
# Conference management tools

- Session management tool
  - Create, listen, explain, join... conference
- Media archiving tool
  - Playback and record the realtime conference.

# Session management tool



#### Media archiving tool



#### Integrated Environment

- Designed and implemented a management subsystem
  - Provide the coordination of video, audio, whiteboard, desktop sharing, WWW, chat, etc to form a seamless multimedia interactive environment.
  - Bi-lingual support and auto select (English and Chinese)

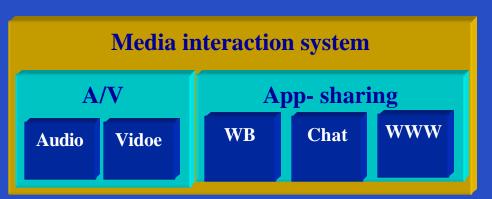
#### Admire Architecture With Mbus support

App level



Middle ware



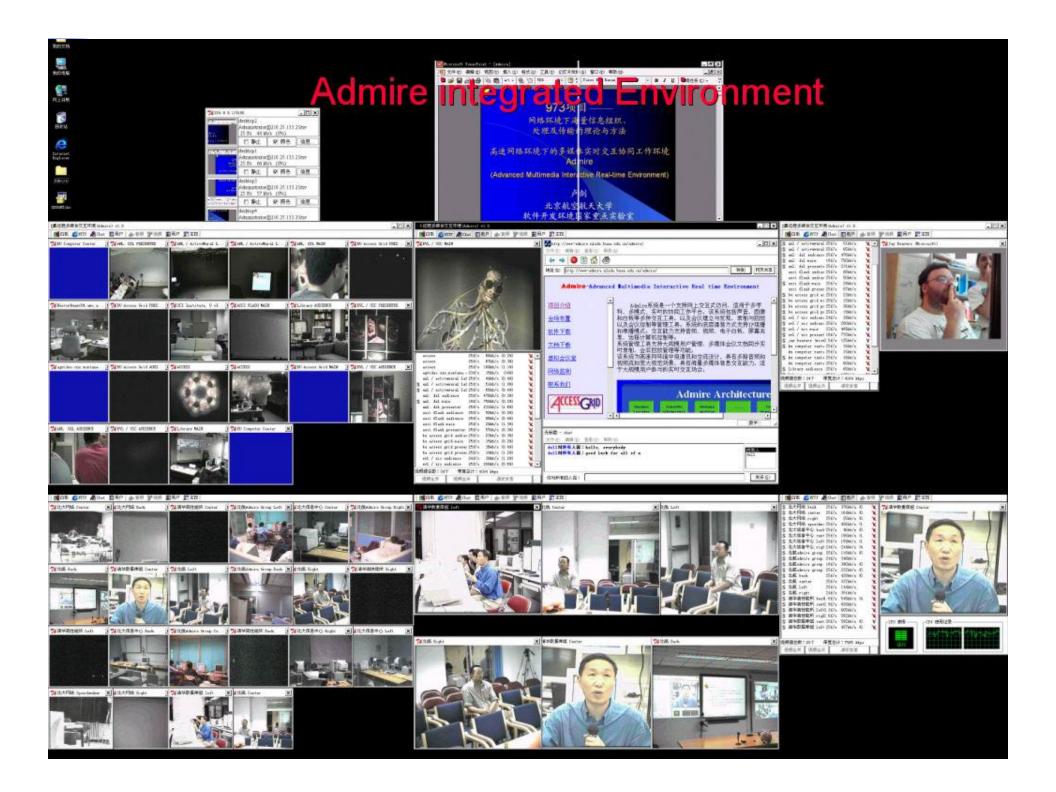


**Message Bus** 

Network

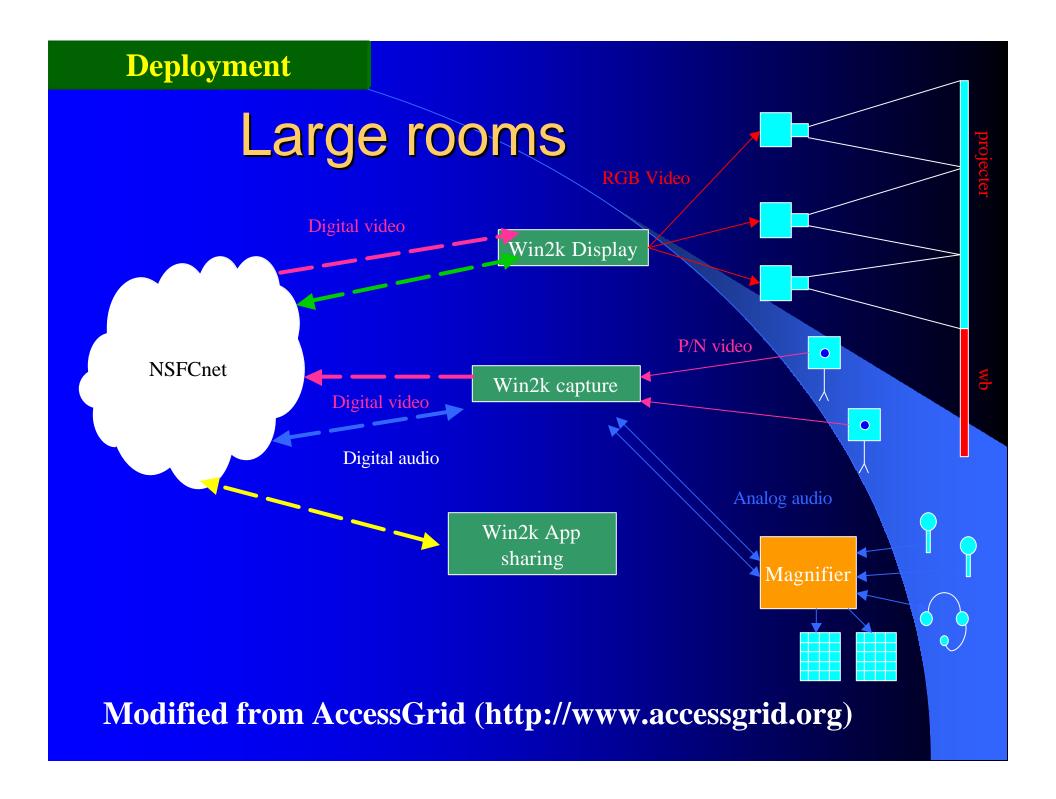
Unicast/ multicast hybrid network

**High speed Internet** 



## software packages

- Admire in Win2k two
  - 1 for display
  - 1 for A/V capture
- Admire in one Win2k box
  - 1 for A/V capture and display



#### **Personal configuration**

#### **Group configuration**

desktop





laptop



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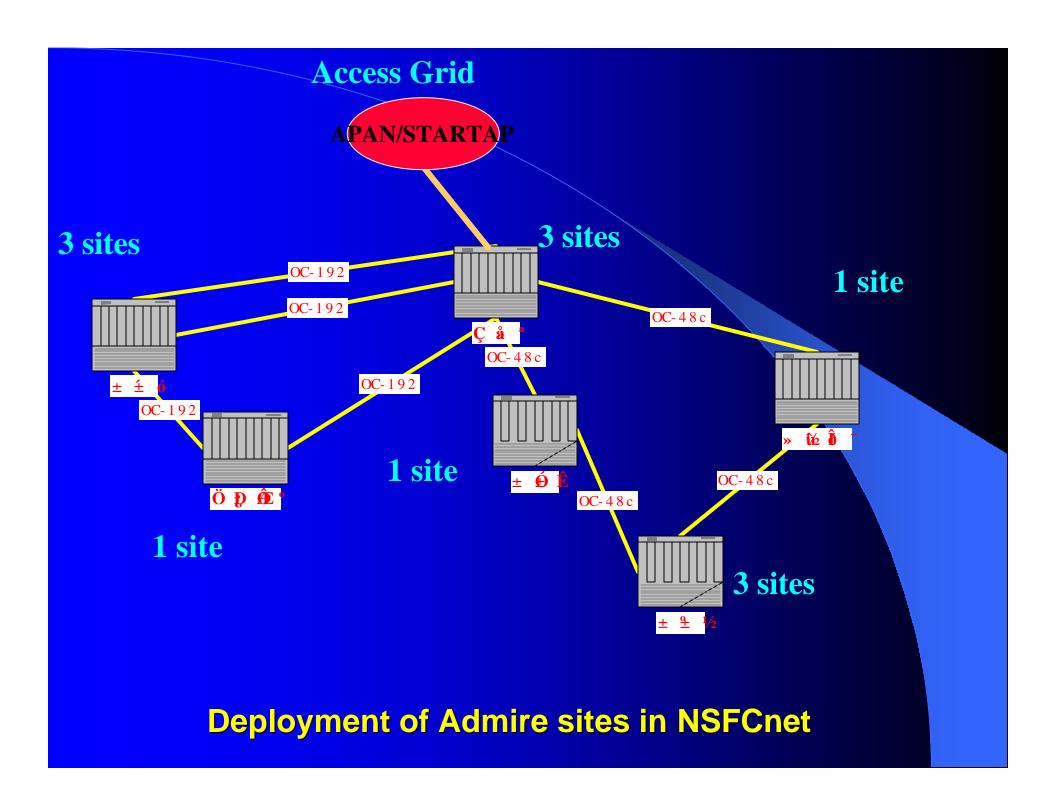


### Brief summary

- IP based Large scale real time multimedia conference tools?
- Support multi-user A/V interaction (40~50 channel)
- Multimode collaboration tools (WB, App, Web, Chat, etc)
- enables users from distributed places to communicate, good for group collaboration (20~30 remote sites)

#### **Admire Deployment**

- Admire research is supported by a national key project of MOST
- Ten research groups of this project are distributed on NSFCnet
  - Beijing University of Aero. & Astr.
  - Tsinghua University
  - Beijing University
  - Etc.
  - More than 80 scientists
- Admire is a persistent collaboration environment between these research groups









#### Related works

- Based on works by UC
   Berkeley's Mash project, and
   UC of London's Mice project.
- Deployment in U.S. Univ.s
  - Access Grid

# SC Global -connecting Admire and AG together

- SC Global SC2001 - SC Global - November 10-16, 2001
- The First Truly Global Technical Conference on the Grid
- It connects Admire group at NLSDE and Access Grid
- Admire group has become a SC <u>Constellation sites</u> in China.

## 参与SC Global 2001活动



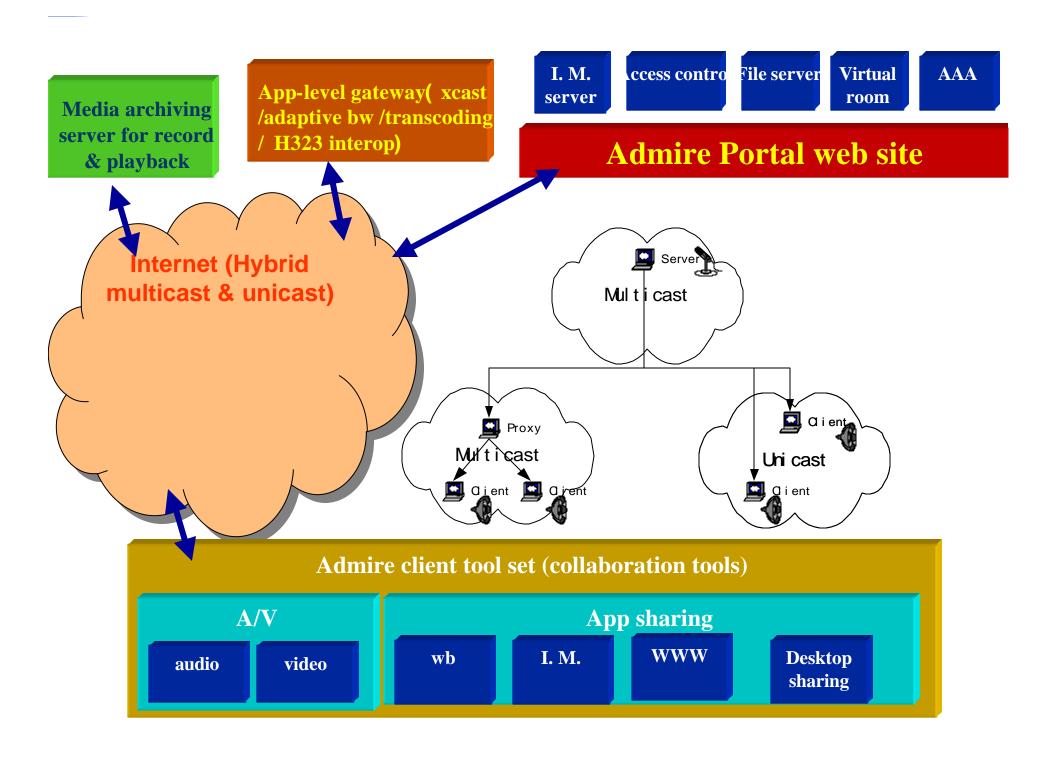
# Technical challenge & solutions

#### Technical challenges

- Current Admire capability
  - About 40~50 A/V streams and participants
- How to handle large scale participants situation? For example, a hundred sites, and thousand-channel streams

#### Technical solutions

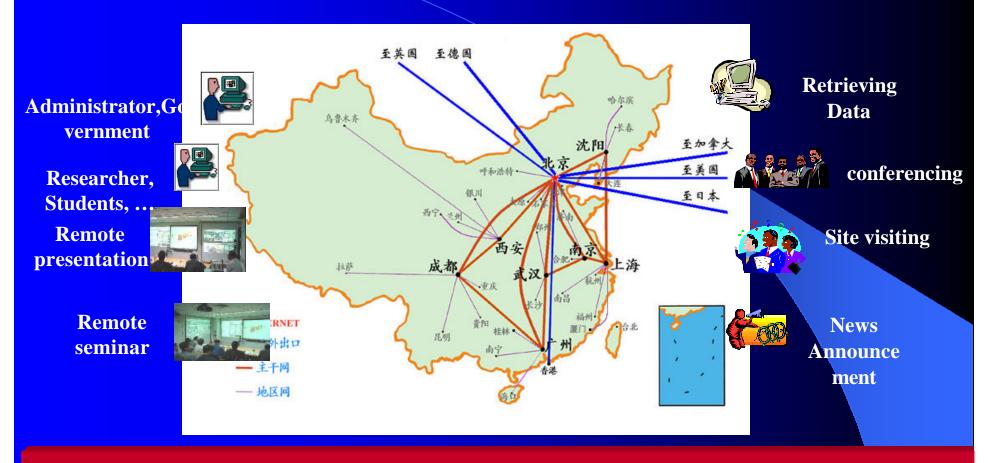
- QoS and Synchronization
  - IP QoS + Application QoS
  - Synchronization between different media,
     Admire Client tools
- Admire Portal site : Organization & Management
- Scalable System Architecture
  - Software Bus for system development and management
  - Admire Application level gateway
    - Transcoding, Unicast & multicast transparency, Interoperate with H.323 client



# Deployment of Admire and Access Grid across the country

National video conference system for Scientific Research

#### National video conference system for Scientific Research



National conference center/regional

access points
Open standard for connecting to "National A/V system for Research"

High speed network environment CERNET

#### **National Access Center for A/V system of**

Scientific Research



South China Access Server **Access Server** 



Mid China



**North China** Access Server



**North-East China Access Server** 

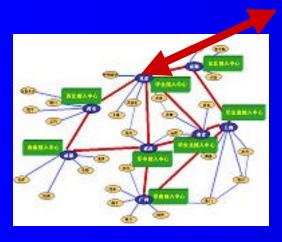


**South-West China Access Server** 





**South-East Chin Access Server** 





**CERNET Core Router** 





**North-West China Access Server** 

#### Future work

- More scalable
  - Dynamic resource scheduling
  - TCP Friendly Congestion Control of A/V streams
  - More scalable close-coupled conference control
  - Layered multimedia data transportation
  - Source specific multicast......
- More user-friendly
  - Persistent Meeting Space
  - Group Awareness
  - Seamless integrations with distributed resources
  - **–** .....
- More widely deployed
- IPv6 enabled

